

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Duane Ankney, on March 30, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 317
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Duane Ankney, Chair (R)
Sen. Pat Connell, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Dick Barrett (D)
Sen. Mark Blasdel (R)
Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R)
Sen. Sue Malek (D)
Sen. Mary McNally (D)
Sen. Keith Regier (R)
Sen. Tom Richmond (R)
Sen. Jason D. Small (R)
Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R)
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)
Sen. Cynthia Wolken (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Charlene Devine, Committee Secretary
Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 216, 3/24/2017

00:00:52 Chair Ankney

HEARING ON HB 216

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:05 Rep. Jim Keane (D), HD 73, opened the hearing on HB 216, Require bonding for wind development.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:05 Jeff Fox, Renewable Northwest (RN)
00:08:16 Brian Fadie, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)
00:09:55 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Contractors Association
00:11:16 Chelcie Cargill, Montana Farm Bureau Federation

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:12:53 Laura Andersen, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:13:17 Sen. Barrett
00:14:15 Mr. Fox, RN
00:16:40 Sen. Tempel
00:18:33 Rep. Keane
00:19:01 Sen. Richmond
00:20:04 Ms. Andersen, DEQ
00:20:19 Sen. Richmond
00:21:10 Mr. Fadie, MEIC
00:21:59 Sen. Malek
00:22:35 Ms. Andersen
00:22:47 Sen. Richmond
00:22:58 Sen. Malek
00:23:44 Rep. Keane
00:25:18 Sen. Connell
00:26:44 Rep. Keane

Closing by Sponsor:

00:26:51 Rep. Keane
00:27:18 Chair Ankney

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:45 PM

Charlene Devine, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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